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1. THE FOLLOWING IS MY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AS IT HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS.

2. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY MAY NOT CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS DURING TET. IN FACT HE IS NOW WELL INTO HIS ANNOUNCED TET STANDDOWN PERIOD WITH NO DISCERNABLE DECREASE IN SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN TWO CORPS AREAS.

3. THE ENEMY CONTINUES HIS ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE KHE SANH AREA. [redacted]

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AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY ARE SERIOUSLY INTERDICTING ENEMY SUPPLY EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. THERE ARE TENTATIVE INDICATIONS, THROUGH PHOTO INTERPRETATION, THAT THE ENEMY MAY ATTEMPT TO IG HIS WAY INTO KHE SANH DUE TO OUR TREMENDOUS FIREPOWER ADVANTAGE. (AS HE DID AT DIEN BEN PHU).

4. [redacted] DETAINEES TAKEN

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YESTERDAY IN A HEAVY CONTACT NORTH OF CAMP CARROLL STATE THEY ARE FROM THE 64TH NVA REGIMENT, 320TH NVA DIVISION. [redacted] ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG THE DMZ REMAINS MODERATE WITH THE SITUATION AT QUANG TRI CITY AND HUE REMAINING UNCHANGED. ENEMY MOVEMENTS HAVE ACCENTUATED THE THREAT IN THE PHU LOC, HAI VAN PASS AND DANANG AREAS. TAM KY AND HOI AN MAY ALSO BE ATTACKED AS A DIVERSION. ISOLATION OF THE NORTHERN TWO PROVINCES MUST INCLUDE CLOSING THE PASS AND CRIPPLING THE DANANG AIR AND LOGISTICS FACILITIES. ATTEMPTS TO DO THIS MAY OCCUR AT ANY TIME.

5. IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS OF II CTZ, AND IN MR-5, [redacted] THESE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT SOME UNITS ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE IN PREPARATIONS. [redacted] I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ENEMY PLANS TO LAUNCH WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY TO DETER REINFORCEMENT OF NORTHERN I CORPS.

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